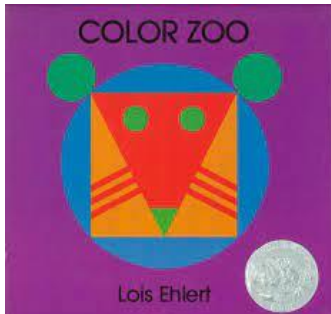


## Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert

### Introducing the book:



<https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=9141>

### Exploring the Cover

Show the book and invite children to describe what they see. Ask children: Do you know these colors? What shapes can you identify? What is the image on the cover? What shapes make up the mouse's face? Then, read the title of the book and ask children to guess what this book will be about.

### Page Flip

Invite children to flip through the pages of *Color Zoo*. Ask children: How were the images on the book formed?

### Building Background

Ask children to name the shapes and colors they know. Write or draw them down in a chart divided in two parts: Shapes and colors we know before and after reading. Come back to the chart once the reading is over and ask children again if they identify new shapes they didn't know while reading the book.



<http://pattonbookcase.blogspot.com/2011/12/color-zoo-fun-with-shapes.html>

### Reading the book:

#### Basic Concepts: Shapes

-Explore how shapes are similar and different. Ask children: How is the rectangle different from the square? How are they the same?

- Talk about the names and properties of shapes. Ask children: What is this shape called? How many sides does it have? How do you know?

- Observe the different shapes that make up objects all around you. Ask children: Let's look around the room. What shapes do you see?

#### Vocabulary: Animals

-Play a memory game with children. Close the book and ask children to name the animals they saw in the book in the order they appeared.

### After Reading the book:

#### Fun with Shapes

You will need:

- Various pre-cut foam or paper shapes
- Glue
- Popsicle stick

**Step 1:** Spread the shapes out on a table and talk about them with the children.

**Step 2:** Arrange the shapes in different patterns to form animal faces. Discuss the different animals you can make and have the children choose their favorite. Children can use the images from the book as a guide or create their own. Glue the shapes together in the desired pattern and glue the finished face onto the popsicle stick to create a stick puppet.